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PERU - INLAND WATERWAYS

**A. POLICIES**

1. The Peruvian Government has no pronounced policy with respect to inland waterway transportation. The development of this activity is left to private initiative.
2. The Government's interest in merchant shipping and inland waterways is expressed through the Ministry of Navy. No particular coordination with policy covering other forms of transportation is exercised.
3. Peruvian flag steamers operate to Bolivian ports on international Lake Titicaca. For strategic and military reasons the Peruvian Government is interested in maintaining this route.
5. The upper tributaries of the Amazon provide fluvial transport for jungle and tropical products from the undeveloped eastern slopes of the Andes to the river port of Iquitos on the upper Amazon. The 153 mile steamer line on Lake Titicaca connects rail lines at both ends, and provides through traffic from the Pacific ports of Mollendo and Matarani to La Paz, Bolivia. The short rivers of the Pacific coast of Peru do not provide important inland waterways.

**B. ORGANIZATION**

1. (see A-2)

**C. ADMINISTRATION**

1. The establishment of new inland waterways is left to private initiative and is not subject to special procedures.
3. The Government makes no attempt to create competitive conditions in inland waterway transportation. Fluvial transport, the only method available on the Peruvian tributaries of the upper Amazon, is financed and operated privately without support or hindrance by the government.

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